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## OLYMPIC PARK WILL BE FLOODLIT!

The lights will definitely go "on" at Olympic Park in time for the next summer soccer season.

Cost of erecting the planned lighting system may exceed £30,000.

Plans are being designed by overseas and local electrical companies for the big lighting project.

When completed, the lights at the Park will be the best in Australia.

Revealing the plans this week Mr E. Avery, secretary of Olympic Park Committee of Management, said:

"Lights will be installed in time for soccer's Summer Cup season."

"We don't know when work will begin but it will be completed in time," he added.

Tenders for the work have been advertised and final acceptances could be known late next month.

Plans include four giant

reflectors.

Lighting also is planned for the finishing stretch of the athletic track in front of the main stand.

More lighting will be included in the stand itself as well as around the public terracing.

Future plans of the Olympic Park Committee include a shelter over the open terracing opposite the main stand.

The lights will be a big asset to soccer.

The Australian Federation have announced that an all-Australian Summer Cup competition may be organised for next season.

Victoria will be a favored venue if the lights

are ready in time.

## HATS OFF TO MELB!

We raise our hats to Melbourne Soccer Club for their bold step in introducing two juniors to their State League side against Lions last Saturday. (See Match Points Page 5).

We realise how they would have felt had their team existed when officials made this decision.

We realise how they would have felt had their team been defeated at Port Melbourne by the strong up-and-coming Lions eleven.

We thank Melbourne for setting a fine example to other State League clubs and proving that it's not always necessary to bring players thousands of miles from Europe to win games . . .

We have them on our doorstep!

— FRED VILLIERS

Hellas-Juventus clash drew soccer's dream crowd!

# 20,000 FANS SMASH CROWD RECORDS AT THE PARK

By MORRIE BUCKNER

*Crowd records for a league match were smashed to smithereens last Sunday when the Juventus-Hellas clash drew over 20,000 fans to Olympic Park.*

This was the biggest crowd seen at the Park since 1958, when 25,000 spectators crammed soccer's headquarters to see Stanley Matthews in action.

Distinguished guests of the Soccer Federation included the Italian Consul, Dr V. Strigari, and the Greek Consul, Mr N. Skorouliatos. Both Consuls visited the dressing rooms after the match and congratulated the teams on their performances.

On the field, the players responded to the big-occasion atmosphere by turning on a robust thriller with the flavor of a cup final.

Science was mixed with vigor, the trainers were kept busy with a string of injuries, nerves were jolted by a dozen near-misses, and several players had their names taken for being — to put it diplomatically — a bit over-eager in their approach to their opponents.

### FAST ATTACK

Hellas kicked off towards the river end and was quickly into attack.

At 11 minutes, Papadopoulos passed to Margarites, whose 25-yard sizzler was the first dangerous shot of the match, but it was well taken by Beurchi.

But at 14 minutes, Beurchi fumbled a Hellas corner kick, and it was left to Frangione to clear the ball off the line.

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He took it in stride and his shot from 12 yards hit Beurchi on the chest. While the goalie was fumbling to control the ball, Kambopoulos followed in and scored.

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### NEW PIVOT

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## BEWARE OF HELLAS!

State League clubs are warned to look out for South Melbourne-Hellas — they're making a bold bid for the 1962 championship!

They gave a pointer last week with their great win over Juventus.

Hellas have the stars, the encouragement from their thousands of supporters, and the determination to win their first State League title.

One of their sharpshooters who can win games for them is brilliant inside forward Johnny Margarites (pictured left).

With Hatzelieferiou, Kamboropoulos, Smith, Bedford and Salabassides, all with their best shooting boots on at present, there should be keen competition for forward berths during the next few weeks' games.

Des Hamilton tells us: "It's now back to the easier games after last week's big battle. Now Hellas is back with the leaders, they'll probably go on with the job."

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## APPEAL UPHELD

### BY COUNCIL

Tuesday night's Federation council meeting awarded points for the Slavia-Hellas match on May 19 to Hellas.

## MR. HARVEY ON THE WARPATH

Following the Operation Forward feature on soccer yesterday that he was going all out to introduce junior soccer in Victorian State schools and hoped to get an interview with those responsible for not allowing the game to be played in these schools.

Mr Harvey would be interested to hear from any soccer-minded parents who have complaints from their boys who have been refused a game of soccer in their school.

He can be contacted through the junior secretary, Mr Don Joiner, at Olympic Park, Swan St, Melbourne.

## OPERATION FORWARD

(With apologies to a well-known Melbourne store)

● "Let's Spread Our Wings" in the title of this week's Operation Forward feature. It is

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For a Home Win put (1) in the space provided, for an Away Win put (2), and for a Draw (X). Then on Saturday evening tune to "Soccer Half Hour" on 3KZ at 6.15 for the official results.

Space has been provided here for you to take them down as they are read at dictation speed in the following order:

#### STATE LEAGUE

Moreland v Hakoah ( )  
Slavia v George Cross ( )  
J.U.S.T. v Polonia ( )  
Melbourne v Croat ( )  
S.M.-Hellas v Lions ( )  
Juventus v Wilhelmmina ( )

#### FIRST DIVISION NORTH

Moonee Ponds v Box Hill ( )  
Fiorentina v Collingwood ( )  
Croatia v Corio ( )  
Macabale v Sicilia ( )  
Heidelberg v Sunshine City ( )  
University v Alexander ( )

#### FIRST DIVISION SOUTH

Trident v Austria ( )  
Oakleigh v Brighton ( )  
Makedonia v Ferntree Gully ( )  
Yallourn v Geelong ( )  
Dandenong v Sandringham ( )  
Richmond v Bayswater ( )

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#### SECOND DIVISION NORTH

St. Albans v Essendon ( )  
Libertas v Norlane-Olympia ( )  
Williamstown v Bendigo ( )  
Seymour v Coburg ( )  
C'wealth Banks v Fairfield ( )  
I.C.E. v W.W.F. ( )

#### SECOND DIVISION SOUTH

Frankston v Ringwood ( )  
Moorabbin v F.N.D. ( )  
South Yarra v Sunshine Heights ( )  
Park Rangers v Trestina ( )  
Rosebud v Kensington ( )  
Croydon v Prahran ( )

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Moorabbin v Azzurri ( )  
South Yarra v Ballarat ( )  
Park Rangers v Bell Park ( )  
Springvale v Ajax ( )  
Geelong Scottish v Prahran ( )

## CONTINUING OUR OPERATION FORWARD SERIES...

# Let's spread our wings

By IAN DAVIES, Public Relations Officer to the Victorian Soccer Federation

Soccer in the country areas of Victoria is developing at a tremendous rate.

So much so that these country centres are now appearing as a vital medium for soccer's expansion program.

We must learn from expansion of the game in overseas countries and also the very slow growth of Australian Rules which as many people are not aware is much older than soccer.

Melbourne which is the oldest Rules club was formed in 1857, and Geelong in 1858. Notts County the oldest soccer club in the world was formed six years later in 1863.

#### MELBOURNE GAME

These facts are remarkable when one considers that Australian Rules is still to all intents and purposes confined to Melbourne.

The Victorian Football League has never given any encouragement to other bodies, they have adopted the attitude of keeping the game in Melbourne where the money is, and are rapidly killing it in other States and in the country.

Soccer has a lot to be thankful for to its founders and early administrators.

They took the game as far as they possibly could, they nursed it, and fostered it until it became a sport played by every major country in the world.

All this while Australian Rules was smugly building itself into a big business in Melbourne and doing its best, by its apathy to keep it there.

Now the Victorian Soccer Federation faces a big decision, and by which example they follow, holds the key to whether or not soccer is going to be a purely Melbourne affair, or grow to become a major code in the State.

In the Latrobe Valley and the Goulburn-Murray Valley are two hotbeds of soccer which could affect the whole of our growth.

LAST week Vic Manson, secretary of Melbourne Soccer Club, wrote an open letter to Alex Barr, the soccer journalist and radio and TV commentator. This week Mr Barr replies:

DEAR VIC—Many thanks for "not minding my scathing attacks on clubs, institutions, federations and the likes," and may I say I am extremely pleased to note, "that at least you get a laugh from them." Again thanks for the information on the weak performances of some of the world's great goalies. However, this is where the tenor of this letter alters.

You state I was "completely misinformed" and ask "have I ever seen him play?" I have never seen Clive Smith play, but that does not alter the fact that he conceded 10, repeat 10 goals.

I have checked and find the result of the Juventus game 10-1 against Melbourne, so where the "misinformation" comes in is beyond me.

You ask me "to come off it", Victor, you should know me by this time.

I state my opinion, where and when I like. I am paid for doing just that.

But when you ask me "to let people far more qualified than you, have the chance to drop him to reserves" I can't help laughing.

These "far more qualified people" are doing a terrific job with selecting the Melbourne side, as the league ladder indicates. The fact of the matter is this: Don't tell me that you can take a young lad, from Australian Rules football, coach him for two or three weeks, then throw him into a State League side. Goal-keeping is more than just catching a ball and booting it down field.

It is an art, with positional play, and a complete understanding of the science of the game which comes only after years of practice and study. I was almost tempted to believe that when you included this lad Smith in your team it was a "stunt". Now I am almost sure of it.

do not in any way resent your criticism of my comments, on the contrary, I welcome it. At least it proves that people are listening to, or reading my comments.

However, I must point out that in my humble opinion the Melbourne Soccer Club is only heard from by myself or any other commentator and writer when they have a "squeal", and brother, can they "squeal"?

Of course, as in the case of "goal-keeping", practice makes perfect, and you sure have had plenty of that.

Regarding your willingness to meet me on any medium, may I decline the offer, as I have more to do than listen to the "bleats" which I feel sure would be forthcoming.

Tell Clive Smith, that like myself, when one is in the public eye, criticism is the price one has to

Morwell the local paper, The Advertiser, devotes the two codes the same space. In Shepparton recently 2000 people watched a club soccer game.

Yet these two localities have the greatest trouble in getting a side from Melbourne to play a match there. Now is the time for these two areas to have sides in the State League. After all, what does State League imply? What would one league match in each area for each Melbourne club entail?

Naturally, additional expenses, but in future years it would pay such dividends in the game as to make this expense seem paltry.

The big question that all clubs and State Leagues in particular must ask is, "What can my club do for soccer?" and not "What can soccer do for my club?" We must take big soccer to the country even at the expense of a little inconvenience.

Now is the time to do it. It's no use waiting until many people have discussed it, referred it, re-referred it, and decided that it doesn't suit their particular club and they don't want to do it.

#### POSITIVE THINKING

POSITIVE THINKING IS REQUIRED. OUR ADMINISTRATORS HAVE A CHANCE TO PUSH THE GAME FORWARD AND BE IT EVER SO SMALL THEY MUST GRAB THIS CHANCE.

Being prominent people in themselves they must remember soccer as a game attracted them in the first instance, it certainly could not have seemed a good financial investment.

The fact that it has grown so much is to their eternal credit, but they must not now, having achieved so much copy the Victorian Football League, they must look for their example to the Soccer Associations of the world who have made soccer what it is today.

## FOCUS ON OPINION

pay. However, some day there could be a silver lining, and when if ever I do see him play, and he turns in a good display, he will get any plaudits he may earn, from me at least, despite my lack of "qualification".

— ALEX BARR.

FRANK BROWNE, Sydney soccer reporter:

The spectacle of soccer clubs openly pirating each other's players has been with us again this year. The Federation should amend its rules and declare that no man can play with two clubs in the one season. That will avoid a lot of the ill-feeling that has arisen this year between various clubs and between players and their clubs. Some of the players have undoubtedly helped along their transfers by refusing to show their best form for the club they want to leave. If they were tied to the club for the season, matters would be different. Under the present rules, the month of June produces frantic last-minute bargaining, a lot of ill-will, and unsettles players who play the game because they like it. The Federation should end this because the present rules play into the hands of players who prey on the gullibility of club officials who seek salvation in the purchase of ready-made stars instead of in the development of their own".

(Following publication of the above opinion, the NSW Soccer Leagues ruled that all transfers must be completed by March 31).

Dr. HENRY SEAMONDS, Chairman of the NSW Federation:

"The transfer system of past years has been a blot on the game. Clubs abused the system. The Soccer Federation has endorsed the ruling by the NSW Soccer Leagues that all transfers shall be completed by March 31. These decisions were made to end the current chaotic exchange of players between clubs. The new system will ensure that a club will retain its team for the full season."

ROBERT GRAY, Sydney Mirror —

"FIFA's decision has come as a bombshell to soccer followers who are eagerly awaiting Australia's re-admission as a member of the world body.

"It makes me wonder whether it is now worthwhile for us to get back into FIFA.

"While we are outlawed we can at least continue developing the game — but we'd have to throw it all away if we rejoined FIFA under this new legislation."

## SOCCER WEEKLY

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## NSW clubs want SA players

South Australia, who recently drew with NSW in Sydney, have had many requests from Sydney clubs about their players.

Star players Horvath, Graham, Szabo, Marton, Herceg and Moriarty have all been approached, but their clubs are likely to place an exorbitant transfer fee upon their heads, which will prevent their moving interstate.

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## ON THE STATE LEAGUE

McDonald reserve could be the scene of today's only draw in the suburban fixtures. Sitting next to each other, well within the relegation orbit, both Melbourne and Croat will be pulling out all stops in an effort to avoid the sudden, and in most cases, permanent drop.

Croat had the more creditable performance last week in sharing the spoils with J.U.S.T., but Melbourne wisely remained calm, in spite of unnecessary criticism, and returned solidly to the winning dividends once more.

Melbourne obviously took to heart my suggestions of last week and played a trio from out of their top line reserve team. A reserve team that will no doubt stand the Hungarians in good stead, when the cup-ties, with the usual spate of injuries, make reserve power worth its weight in cup-tie gold.

Former Ujpest goalkeeper Petyas, of the Hungarian State League, is once again firmly established as coach to Melbourne and under his guidance the juniors, now wisely given an opportunity in the "big time" — Silver, Abonyi and Zoltan Suly — will start paying their way.

But any team that encourages juniors and new young blood gets my credit vote every time.

Croat went to a lot of expense and flew Pomorac from the north and although the left-half wasn't the star of the side, played as well as expected and when fitter physically will be an asset to the determined Croats.

Djukic was wisely returned to goal, and young Mori may feature on the wing, where a lack of drive has been evident. At left-half, Croat has probably one of the best wing-halves in the State, a player of tremendous drive, but not lacking in finesse, and the short name Sal, with the

equally clever Lucnik are the team's masterminds. From a soccer viewpoint, Melbourne, should win, but the Croats are a tenacious bunch and new

goalkeeper Smith will have to repeat his brilliant performance of last week, in every effort to share the points — as I think will be the result.

## J.U.S.T. WON'T DISAPPOINT

By MORRIE BUCKNER

J.U.S.T. will field practically the same side against Polonia at Olympic Park on Sunday that appeared in the last two games against Lions and Croat, but it is bound to look a lot less disappointing this time out.

The same thing applies to Polonia because — let's face it — class teams look good only against class teams. And that's because they let each other play football. So if the weather is kind and the pitch is fast, fans who like good soccer should be at the Park on Sunday.

J.U.S.T. expect to have centre-forward Yagodic and right full-back Basic right-half. If Buha goes to right-half, Micie could play at pivot, with Rice back in the line-up for this game.

This will permit either Micie or Buha to play at left full-back. This would produce a strong defence, and leave two creative wing-halves in midfield.

And with Yagodic as the spearhead, the work of inside forwards Marinovic and Mladenovic should be far more effective.

Remo Guardiani is expected to reappear at left full-back for Polonia after

## S. MELB.—HELLAS v LIONS

Riding on the crest of the wave at the moment, SM-Hellas will not allow the lowly Lions to interfere with their definite championship hopes.

The outcome of this game should never be in doubt and with goal averages likely to feature in the final summing up Hellas will probably be out for the maximum obtainable.

Hellas are the best balanced side in the league. Not a weak link in the whole combination from goalkeeper to outside-left.

Blessed again by strong reserve players, each first team man earns his place and takes the field knowing full well there is an equally capable reserve breathing down his neck, should he suddenly strike a bad patch of form.

No team in the State League has players like Kourkolakis and Salabasides sitting on the reserve seat, although they would like to have. Here lies the indication that when the premiership flag is unfurled next year, what between SM-Hellas and Hakoah it stands an excellent chance of fluttering over Middle Park.

The young Kamboro-

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# METRO POSTPONED GAMES MAY TELL HERE

Even at this stage of the season the postponed games in the First North between Sicilia and Alexander and University and Fiorentina hold direct consequences on the relegation picture, writes "ONLOOKER".

Some doubt surrounds the Sicilia — Alexander game. Under the constitution rules, Sicilia should win the match, because my team which fails to have police in attendance when directed to do so, forfeits the game.

## FIRST NORTH

Box Hill after an excellent victory against Fiorentina last week faces a hard match against Moonee Ponds. The "swampies" have slowly but surely worked their way up the ladder, Essendon, Bendigo and Seymour, are all improving and are now out of the danger zone. Essendon should defeat St. Albans, but Bendigo and Seymour will lose to Williamstown and Coburg respectively.

Fiorentina need a victory against Collingwood just as much as the "woods" need a victory against Fiorentina. Loss to Collingwood against Fiorentina will almost certainly mean demotion for his team. I predict Collingwood will share the points with the Italians.

Two important "relegation" games must be decided. University at home to Alexander need a victory to stay away from the danger zone. They should gain the points.

A draw between Maccabi and Sicilia would be a fair result, but both teams will be hoping for victory. Sicilia after their good showing against Croatia last week should gain the points.

Sunshine City who visit Heidelberg will gain two points after a struggle, and Croatia will overcome opposition from traditional rivals Corio.

## FIRST SOUTH

Two important matches are listed for this round. I am predicting upsets in both of them.

Dandenong at home to Sandringham may find that their better forwards may score enough goals to win. League leaders Richmond, after a goalless draw last week may find victory hard to obtain against Bayswater. Richmond may scrape a draw but a Bayswater victory would be no surprise.

Trident relegated to last place by victory to Geelong last week, will have to show an improvement in form in the remaining matches this season. Against Austria they will find it difficult to win.

Makedonia who have slipped badly in recent weeks meet Ferntree Gully, who, except for a victory over Trident last week have also played shockingly.

Makedonia with less vigor and more skill should win.

In the other games Brighton should beat Oakleigh while Yallourn at home may overcome opposition from Geelong.

## SECOND NORTH

Promotion new seems assured for Coburg and Williamstown after Libertas' surprise draw with Essendon last week.

## MATCH REPORTS

### SANDRINGHAM-YALLOURN

Sandringham fielded their regular first team for the Olympic Park game. After 20 minutes Berner scored Sandy's first goal from about 20 yds. The ball was passed in, Bell's keeper's keepers kept them well in the game. In the second half Sandringham attacked and Yallourn's keeper played strongly until a defensive error put the "Bannisters" two goals up.

Yallourn were unable to shoot for goal from about 30 yds. due to a strong Sandy defence. After 60 minutes Whitham scored a fine goal, Yallourn still pressed strongly and in a breakaway scored.

### BOX HILL 5, FIORENTINA 0

An even first half, which was goalless, and then Fiorentina collapsed. Box Hill's first goal was scored by Koski, their left-winger, who beat two opponents before giving Massese no chance.

Westerwald was outstanding in defence for Fiorentina. Roodhouse scored with a rising shot to make it 2-0. Box Hill's third goal came from a free-kick found Ness, who headed into an empty net. Box Hill's fourth was taken by Pirie, who shot from 20 yards. Roodhouse scored the fifth.

### UNIVERSITY-HEIDELBERG

University and Heidelberg played a below standard game at

### RIGHT MAN CAN

They say — and probably rightly so — that one man doesn't make a team. But we can quote plenty of examples to show that one man can LIFT a team. Coburg's an example, for instance.

Last year, Coburg finished at the bottom of First Division North. It lost 15 out of its 18 games. It scored only 17 goals, and gave away 66. This season, in Second Division North, Coburg has played 12 games, and has won them all. It has scored 79 goals — an average of over six goals per match. And all it has given away is five goals. That reads like a record of some kind.

### LIFT A TEAM

It is generally conceded that one man is mainly responsible for this big improvement in Coburg's showing. One player — that pint-sized ex-Moreland, ex-Victorian, ex-Australian and ex-Olympic Games forward Frankie Loughran.

He's playing left wing-half for Coburg now, and up until last week he had scored 15 goals for Coburg out of its 79 goals.

Maybe we shouldn't have mentioned this — some State League scouts may be on Frankie's doorstep after they read this item. But we've got to give credit where credit is due.

At the other end of the ladder, Essendon, Bendigo and Seymour, are all improving and are now out of the danger zone. Essendon should defeat St. Albans, but Bendigo and Seymour will lose to Williamstown last Saturday.

The match of the season is listed for this weekend. Park Rangers at home meet Triestina. Victory is essential to both teams, as a loss would allow Frankston to go further ahead.

I am tipping Triestina to be too strong for Park Rangers in what should be a very good game.

Frankston at home should consolidate their position with a victory over Ringwood, but it will not be easy.

Bert Laveridge, who was assisted in migration from England last year by Sandringham City is showing form in the reserve team. His 35-yr goal against Makedonia was a beauty.

Seriously embarrassed by injuries to goalkeepers a short while ago, Sandringham has now four good keepers available. With Len Hayball showing form in the first team it is probable that the reserve team will soon have Ron Alexander back between the sticks and Mike Carauso and Hank van der Helm as respective full backs.

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University: Zebrowski, Drennan and Hohman. Heidelberg: Merryweather, Heineker.

Sandringham still want friendly games. Interested clubs should ring Mike Mather (XY 3637).

Billy Wray, 18, promoted from the South Yarra Reserves to the Firsts is showing up well at outside-left.

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# TWO WITH IT—THREE WITHOUT!

Again against Croat, it was obvious that only two members of J.U.S.T.'s front line had all five of the essentials needed to win matches — ability, tactics, good form, team spirit and heart — especially against the desperate play of clubs near the relegation zone. They were Marinovic and Mladenovic, but they just couldn't beat a determined defence on their own.

Three things saved J.U.S.T. from outright defeat — an unlucky mistake made by right full-back Adrie, early in the game, which gave J.U.S.T. a penalty goal, J.U.S.T.'s stubborn defence, and inaccurate shooting by Croat's keen, over-anxious young forwards.

Here's a tip for soccer fans who play the horses. The favorite for next Saturday's Grand National Hurdle at Flemington has a link with soccer. It is Carey Light, owned by Mrs J. van Hoboken, wife of the Victorian Soccer Federation Publicity Chairman. Mr and Mrs van Hoboken could have a winning double next Saturday — Carey Light and Wilhelmina, who play Juventus at Olympic Park.

Croat right wing-half Tommy Sal again showed his ability as a quick-thinking, creative and very able tactician. He held his own against opponents of the undoubtedly quality of Rusmir, Micic, Mladenovic and Marinovic — ample proof of Tommy's ability.

Chunky Croat centre-half Bruno Slivac ran down to take free kicks when they were within scoring distance, and one of his shots for the right-hand corner of the net was a beauty. Only Steve Jankovic's agility in a desperate leap enabled him to reach the ball and palm it away for a corner.

Alex Glennie's injured leg muscle was not 100 per cent fit on Saturday, but the popular "Iron Man" took the field for Slavia against Hakoah just the same.

Goalie Ray Barotajs got a nasty bruise on the thigh a few minutes after the game started, and as the day grew older and colder Ray's leg became more fragile and less agile. It will never be known whether this helped Eric Haynes to net Hakoah's second goal just before the end.

Hakoah's Doug Rogers suffered a nasty gash on a knee early in the game when he fell on a piece of glass lying in the grass. It's a bad cut in a dangerous spot, and could take weeks to heal properly.

The lights and shadows caused by the north-west, south-east

## MATCH POINTS

last Sunday couldn't stop praising the work of referee Emile Hecht for the way he handled every situation. Well done, Emile!

Mr Otto Gabel, secretary of J.U.S.T., has appealed to all Press writers for the correct spelling of the names of their newly imported players. Correct spelling is Rusmir, Rasic and Jagodic. Otto also pronounced them, but we prefer to leave that to the readers concerned!

The ball went into the Olympic Park stand last Sunday ... it came down in double-quick time, indicating that it was caught and thrown back by a time-saving Juventus supporter.

Vince Muscat, centre-half for George Cross, became the father of another baby girl. Could be interested in swapping for a boy!

We read the advert. in the *Globe* on Saturday — HSV7 World of Sport ... Melbourne's complete cover of football and All Sport at 12 noon Sunday. And after watching this program, we have come to the conclusion that Mr Casey, the compere, lives in a world of sport of his own. What happened to the soccer coverage? With a 35,000 soccer following in Melbourne, we feel Mr Casey's world of sport is confined to a half acre in a suburban back yard! Soccerites should view Tony Charlton's GTV-9 show on Sundays — he gives soccer a better deal! Please note Mr Casey. More than 20,000 saw Sunday's Olympic Park game including top VFL umpires Bob Nunn and Jack Irving!

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## METROPOLITAN PHONE SERVICE

Far too many metropolitan clubs are not getting their match reports in *Soccer Weekly* because they adopt the wrong procedure in dispatching them to the paper.

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Our Aussie friends watching the big game

# SOCCER MAN'S DIARY 27

By DON SUTHERLAND

THE RECORD crowd of nearly 20,000 soccer fans at Olympic Park last

Sunday was undeniable evidence that soccer is here to stay as a major winter sport in Victoria. The thrilling struggle between two great teams in Sth Melb-Hellas and Juventus gave enjoyment to everyone and further games of this calibre will attract even more people to Olympic Park games. It still seems remarkable to me that the major daily newspapers should continue to be so miserly in their allocation of space to a sport which has proved that it has such tremendous following.

I HAVE HEARD IT said that the reason why regular news from the soccer world does not feature in the day-to-day columns of Melbourne's major newspapers is that their soccer writers are only part-time and thus do not have the time or inclination to search out news from the clubs. This is certainly not the complete reason but the important fact remains that the first daily newspaper which employs its soccer writer in a full-time capacity, and gives him space for his news, will gain many new, interested readers. It is a wonder that some of our major newspaper advertisers have not expressed a desire to see a more representative sporting coverage in the newspapers in which they advertise. I am sure that no fair-minded Victorian Rules supporters would begrudge soccer at least a half-column on the "daily football page".

THE CURTAIN-RAISER at Olympic Park last Sunday between Sandringham City and Yallourn drew many favorable comments on the standard of play in this important premiership clash. The ovations which the large crowd gave to the winners, Sandringham, as they walked off the field was indicative of the success of introducing Metropolitan League curtain-raisers at Olympic Park and we all look forward to seeing further similar matches when the condition of the ground improves. Sandringham, incidentally, are having their best season for many years and much of the credit for their improved playing performances is due to their popular captain-coach Ken Reid. It took Ken nearly a year to settle down at Sandringham after his transfer from Hakoah, but his forceful leadership and strong play have given him the 100% loyalty of his team-mates which has been a vital factor in the club's success this season.

IN LAST WEEK'S "Soccer Weekly" an excellent article appeared from our capable editor, Fred Villiers, on the importance of encouraging junior soccer. However, I must comment on Fred's statement that "two or three years ago an Australian-born player on the soccer ground in Melbourne was unknown". Whilst agreeing wholeheartedly that more schools should permit their boys to play soccer if they wish, and many certainly do, we should certainly not forget the number of Australian-born players who did achieve soccer prominence in Melbourne despite the schools' set-up. Names which come readily to mind are Angus Drennan, and Jackie Wilson, both of whom represented Australia in international matches on many occasions. These, and many other Australian-born players who achieved eminence in Victorian soccer in past years, prove Fred Villiers' contentions that Australia CAN produce top-class soccer players, and popularity of soccer in our schools is one of the surest ways of uncovering this talent.

ONLY A COUPLE OF weeks ago I wrote that Sth Melb-Hellas were wondering what had happened to the new players they were expecting from Greece, and almost immediately Boulis Kamboropoulos arrived by air. He informed the club that there had been a hold-up at the Immigration Dept in Greece but that Hellas' vice-president Floris (Jim) Demetrie, who is on a visit to his native country, had soon straightened things out and sent him on his way. The constant contact that Mr Demetrie is keeping with Hellas officials indicates that he is doing great work for all Greek soccer clubs in Australia.

Boulis Kamboropoulos has made a great impression here both on and off the field. This good-natured young man appears far more mature than his 19 years and he should prove to be a tremendous acquisition to the club for many years to come. One of Hellas' most improved players over recent weeks has been George Papadopoulos, who, after an early season lapse, is showing even better form than when he first arrived in this country two years ago, when he was an outstanding player in the club's promotion-winning team.

Capable Hellas committee man and publicity officer Des Hamilton informs me that the club is arranging small Saturday evening dances (catering for about 200) at the Delphic in Alfred Place, off Collins Street. The first of these dances will take place this Saturday, 7th July.

I AM NOT AT ALL sure that I personally agree with the current style of refereeing by our top-grade



referees, who appear to have adopted the principle of failing to penalise all but the roughest infringement in the belief that play should not be interrupted unnecessarily. This principle will soon lead to a "survival of the fittest" amongst our top players and will be detrimental to attractive skillful soccer. Referees get plenty of unjust criticism and I certainly do not wish to stir up ill-feeling with our essential, hard-working colleagues, who deserve all our support. However, the present injury lists of our State League clubs is indicative of the rougher style of play which has crept in. The only way in which this can be overcome is for referees to exert stricter control over all infringement and thus give notice to all players that such infringements will result in their team being penalised by free kicks being given against them. By exerting strict, impartial control from the commencement of a game, referees will gain increased respect from players, official and supporters and they will minimise the possibility of serious "incidents" which can arise when a game gets out of control. If the Investigation and Disciplinary Committee is to continue to do its present great job it must know that strict control is also being exercised on the playing field.

HEIDELBERG'S POPULAR secretary, Jim Chester, went into hospital on June 24 for an operation and I am sure that many soccer followers will join me in wishing Jim a speedy convalescence. During his absence Mr P. Kilburn, 97 Yarraloe Street, Alphington (L1 2761), will handle all communications. After a very promising start Heidelberg seem to have lost all confidence and have been badly hit by injuries. Star full-back Scarfe will be out for the rest of the season with a broken leg, while Ridewood has played only one game since the first four.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: Wouldn't it be wonderful if all those 20,000 spectators at Olympic Park last Sunday had written to our leading Flinders Street "dailies" asking where was their full coverage of this great game?

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## PICK OF THE POST

## Referees' Column

By JIM DUNBAR

RE.—Various rumors Mr Rhodes, in registering a strong protest about the poor standard of refereeing in this match.

We feel the referee is not qualified to take charge of Federation matches. We are not complaining about the result; only the shocking display of the referee concerned.

—G. ERMSTRANG, President, St Albans SC, East Esplanade, St Albans.

SIR.—Who were the State League champions in 1958?

—K. BROWNJOHN, Gower St, Preston.

• Juventus. They finished with 35 points, followed by Wilhelmina (31), Moreland (28) and Hakoah (28).

## Match Points

(Continued from P. 5)

An Italian sport reporter who wrote up a game between Progesol and Dinamo in Bucharest, Rumania, had this to say about the game:

"While spectators fought on the terraces, players kicked each other, fought and took part in a number of vicious exercises.

I expected at any moment the picture to be completed by a dozen tanks rolling down the terraces, and a swarm of soldiers entering the field of play.

It was not a game, it was a battle! The game ended 0-0 draw!"—Acknowledgment to George Cross "Review".

Norm. Hobson, now goalie with Apia (Sydney), has yet to play with the senior side. His work has kept him moving as far as Cairns in Queensland.

State League games end on August 25th. Federation officials will soon announce the Dockey Cup Competition and Final Four plans and fixtures.

Some Olympic Park games are fixed six or seven weeks ahead. League positions determine the crowds, as witnessed last week. Could not the fixtures be only a fortnight ahead? This would ensure top crowds.

SIR.—Williamstown's bid for the First Division this season surely owes its success to the players who have a good understanding between them, for they come from five different countries, England, Scotland, Ireland, Holland, Austria, Poland, Yugoslavia and the Lebanon.

—RON DUNLOP, (Williamstown SC).

SIR.—Following St Albans v. Coburg match, which was won by Coburg, on behalf of St Albans Soccer Club, we wish to join Coburg's secretary, Mr Walker, and president,

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Goals Goals

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Altona 11 4 0 10 12 4 5 0 1 13 9 17 2

Clock 11 3 0 2 10 6 5 3 1 11 14 14

Wres 11 5 0 2 20 10 3 1 2 20 14 12

L Mac 11 2 1 15 11 2 2 11 13 12

Arabs 11 2 1 12 18 12 1 20 10 19

W Wres 11 2 1 12 12 18 1 21 7

McDold 11 2 0 3 14 15 1 13 4 12 21 7

Martha 11 1 1 4 7 17 2 0 9 11 14

N'castle 11 2 1 3 18 18 0 9 5 2 16 5

NSW DIVISION 1

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Estonia 11 2 1 13 18 2 2 13 10 14

G'vile 12 3 1 15 15 1 15 5 13 14 7

Y'zal 12 3 1 12 6 0 0 6 3 14 7

Aspera 12 3 1 13 16 0 0 6 6 19 5

St'k'f'le 12 8 2 1 26 15 0 1 5 4 3 4

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NSW DIVISION 2

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G'vile 12 2 2 2 12 4 3 2 15 9 14

C'vile 11 3 0 2 11 9 2 2 13 10 18

Moreland 11 3 1 2 11 9 2 2 13 10 18

R'town 11 3 1 2 11 9 2 2 13 10 18

St'k'f'le 11 3 1 2 11 9 2 2 13 10 18

Island 11 3 1 2 11 9 2 2 13 10 18

Manly 11 1 1 0 10 2 0 2 10 3 17

C'cordia 11 1 1 0 12 31 1 0 4 10 4 17

T'g'ahb 11 0 2 3 1 13 0 2 4 6 17 4

NSW DIVISION 3

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Altona 11 3 0 2 10 6 5 3 1 11 14 14

Clock 11 3 0 2 10 6 5 3 1 11 14 14

Wres 11 5 0 2 20 10 3 1 2 20 14 12

L Mac 11 2 1 15 11 2 2 11 13 12

Arabs 11 2 1 12 18 12 1 20 10 19

W Wres 11 2 1 12 12 18 1 21 7

McDold 11 2 0 3 14 15 1 13 4 12 21 7

Martha 11 1 1 4 7 17 2 0 9 11 14

N'castle 11 2 1 3 18 18 0 9 5 2 16 5

NSW DIVISION 4

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K'gova 11 8 1 1 12 8 5 0 9 18 7 17

Geest 12 2 1 2 16 9 1 1 12 14

Mac 12 2 1 11 9 2 0 12 12 12

S. G'vile 12 3 1 14 12 3 2 13 15 12

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G'vile 12 3 1 15 15 1 15 5 13 14 7

Y'zal 12 3 1 12 6 0 0 6 3 14 7

Aspera 12 3 1 13 16 0 0 6 6 19 5

St'k'f'le 12 8 2 1 26 15 0 1 5 4 3 4

S'g'ate 12 9 1 5 3 26 15 0 1 5 4 3 4

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Sy'd Aus 13 0 1 12 4 3 0 13 10 17

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G'vile 12 2 2 2 12 4 3 2 15 9 14

C'vile 11 3 0 2 11 9 2 2 13 10 18

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Island 11 3 1 2 11 9 2 2 13 10 18

Manly 11 1 1 0 10 2 0 2 10 3 17

C'cordia 11 1 1 0 12 31 1 0 4 10 4 17

T'g'ahb 11 0 2 3 1 13 0 2 4 6 17 4

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Sy'd Aus 13 0 1 12 4 3 0 13 10 17

B'g'owen 12 2 0 1 12 4 3 2 15 9 14

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Manly 11 1 1 0 10 2 0 2 10 3 17

C'cordia 11 1 1 0 12 31 1 0 4 10 4 17

T'g'ahb 11 0 2 3 1 13 0 2 4 6 17 4

NSW DIVISION 7

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Sy'd Aus 13 0 1 12 4 3 0 13 10 17

B'g'owen 12 2 0 1 12 4 3 2 15 9 14

G'vile 12 2 2 2 12 4 3 2 15 9 14

C'vile 11 3 0 2 11 9 2 2 13 10 18

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Manly 11 1 1 0 10 2 0 2 10 3 17

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Sy'd Aus 13 0 1 12 4 3 0 13 10 17

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Manly 11 1 1 0 10 2 0 2 10 3 17

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NSW DIVISION 10

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Sy'd Aus 13 0 1 12 4 3 0 13 10 17

B'g'owen 12 2 0 1 12 4 3 2 15 9 14

G'vile 12 2 2 2 12 4 3 2 15 9 14

C'vile 11 3 0 2 11 9 2 2 13 10 18

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Island 11 3 1 2 11 9 2 2 13 10 18

Manly 11 1 1 0 10 2 0 2 10 3 17

C'cordia 11 1 1 0 12 31 1 0 4 10 4 17

# HERE ARE YOUR SOCCER DETAILS

## STATE LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
JUVENTUS	14	8	3	3	31	14	19
S.M.-HELLAS	14	9	1	4	30	14	19
HAKOAH	14	8	3	3	28	17	19
WILHELMINA	14	7	5	2	28	18	19
J.U.S.T.	14	7	4	3	18	12	18
GEORGE CROSS	14	7	3	4	27	18	17
POLONIA	14	6	2	6	19	17	14
SLAVIA	14	5	3	6	19	18	13
CROAT	14	4	3	7	12	20	11
MELBOURNE	14	4	2	8	19	15	10
LIONS	14	3	3	8	15	20	9
MORELAND	14	0	0	14	8	45	0

## — What's on at Olympic Park —

(Gates open 1.45 p.m. Kickoff 2.45 p.m.)

Sat., July 7: Juventus v Wilhelmmina.  
Sun., July 8: J.U.S.T. v Polonia.  
Sat., July 14: Polonia v Melbourne.  
Sun., July 15: Hakoah v J.U.S.T.  
Sat., July 21: J.U.S.T. v George Cross.

Sun., July 22: S. M.-Hellas v Polonia.  
Sat., July 28: Hakoah v S.M.-Hellas.  
Sun., July 29: Polonia v Juventus.

(no curtain-raiser between Reserves or Metropolitan teams will be played during July).

## JUNIOR SOCCER TABLES

(AS AT JUNE 23)

UNDER 12 ZONE	"A"
W	L
Trident	2
Ardeer	1
Deer Park	5
Olympia	4
Sunshine	3
Sacred Heart	3
Ajax	3
E. St. Albans	1

UNDER 12 ZONE	"B"
W	L
Newport	7
George Cross	5
EsSENDON	5
Polonia	5
Broadmeadows	3

UNDER 12 ZONE	"C"
W	L
Wilhelmina	7
St. Albans	7
Aspendale	4
Frankston A	4
S.M.-Hellas	3
Frankston B	3

UNDER 12 ZONE	"A"
W	L
Trident	6
Sunshine	3
Georgina	6
Nth. Sunshine	4

UNDER 12 ZONE	"A"
W	L
Trident	1
Sunshine	6
Georgina	3
Nth. Sunshine	3

UNDER 12 ZONE	"B"
W	L
S.M.-Hellas	8
Springvale	8
Frankston A	7
Melbourne	9

UNDER 12 ZONE	"B"
W	L
Trident	1
Sunshine	7
Georgina	2
Nth. Sunshine	3

UNDER 12 ZONE	"C"
W	L
Olympia	8
Trident	1
Sunshine	7
Georgina	1

UNDER 12 ZONE	"C"
W	L
S.M.-Hellas	8
Springvale	8
Frankston A	7
Melbourne	9

UNDER 12 ZONE	"C"
W	L
Trident	1
Sunshine	7
Georgina	2
Nth. Sunshine	3

UNDER 12 ZONE	"C"
W	L
Olympia	8
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UNDER 12 ZONE	"C"
W	L
Olympia	8
Trident	1
Sunshine	7
Georgina	2

## STATE LEAGUE

### STATE LEAGUE RESERVES

P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Coburg	14	14	0	0	48	528
Box Hill	14	9	3	2	39	162
Moonee Ponds	14	6	4	4	23	16
Sunshine City	14	7	1	6	22	15
Fiorentina	14	3	2	9	15	18
Alexander	14	4	5	4	28	21
Yallourn	14	5	2	7	27	35
Coburg	14	6	3	5	16	23
Moorebank	14	3	4	7	19	25
Corio	14	2	4	8	22	10
Collingwood	14	1	0	13	15	102

### SECOND DIVISION RESERVES

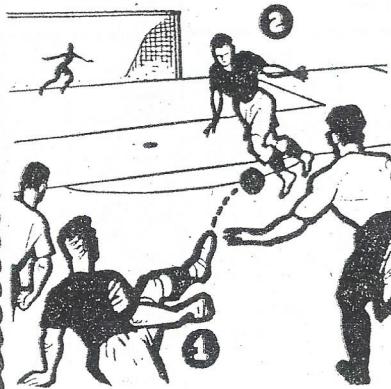
P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Coburg	14	14	0	0	83	628
Williamstown	14	11	1	2	76	183
Libertas	14	8	3	2	48	2019
Neptune	14	2	4	5	1	23
St. Albans	14	7	1	6	39	2616
Frankston	14	5	1	8	25	17
Georgina	14	4	3	7	1	16
Warrigal	14	3	2	9	18	12

BIG TALKS  
IN SYDNEY

Mr. Theo Marmaras, Federation Chairman, will spend the weekend in Sydney discussing the future progress of soccer in the Commonwealth. He will have talks with Mr. Bob Clarke, Australian Federation Secretary and Dr. Semonds, Chairman, and a representative from Queensland.

One of the matters to be discussed will be the proposed visit of FIFA officials to Australia to investigate the possibility of Australia being reinstated as a FIFA member.

## IS HE OFFSIDE?



Player No. 2 is clearly in an offside position when he receives the ball from player No. 1 as there is only one of the defending side (the goalkeeper) between him and the goal.

FOOTY UMPIRES  
LIKE SOCCER

"Too many dead spots" . . . "it's much simpler than footy" . . . "Oh, I like the way the goalie marked the ball" . . .

These were some of the comments I heard from two leading VFL umpires who sat in amazement watching intensely every move made in the Juventus-Hellas game at Olympic Park on Sunday.

The two umpires were Bob Nunn and Jack Irving.

It was their first experience of soccer and what they saw they liked. So much so that it's my guess they'll be back to see more before the end of the season.

Jack told me there were "too many dead spots" in soccer.

"What do you mean?" I asked.

"For instance, every time a player is injured the referee (referee) stops the game," he said.

Bob said soccer was much simpler than Aussie Rules.

"You have only 17 rules in soccer, but we have 32 plus all the sub-rules," he said.

The umpires were the guests of the Referees' Association. Both agreed it was a good game and "most enjoyable".

— FRED VILLIERS.

## YOUR BROADCASTS

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WITH  
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MR KOVACS  
NEW J.U.S.T.  
PRESIDENT

Mr. Kovacs has succeeded Mr. Lukinovic, who is taking up a position in Canberra, as President of J.U.S.T. Players and officials presented Mr. Lukinovic with a trophy to mark his years of service to the club, of which he is a foundation member.

Mr. Kovacs was unanimously elected to succeed him for the remainder of this season.

Mr. Paul O'Connor, SM, will be hearing, among other cases, that of player F. Grimaldi, who is alleged to have struck referee Craig in the match v. Maccabi three weeks ago. When the Disciplinary Committee meets this night.

## Will Juventus lose the lead on Saturday?

By MORRIE BUCKNER

*To keep Hellas from taking over the State League leadership, Juventus must not only beat Wilhelmina but must win by a useful margin when they meet at Olympic Park on Saturday.*

Hellas is at home to Lions on the same day and may win with enough margin to overtake any goal-percentage advantage that Juventus now holds.

But from what we have seen from all of the leading teams lately, none of them has enough ability in attack to win by a handy margin when they meet each other.

So that when Juventus and Wilhelmina clash on Saturday, we doubt that many goals will be scored or that the winning margin will be more than one goal.

## THE TEAM?

We even doubt that there will be a winner! These two sides drew 1-1 in April, and that result could easily be repeated.

A lot depends, of course, on the team that Wilhelmina names for the game. After unimpressive 1-1 draws with George Cross

and Hakoah and a 1-2 loss to Hellas, there could be a wholesale shake-up in the Wilhelmina line-up.

This would be a gamble on Wilhelmina's part. It could produce a loose side that could lose badly, or a spirited side that could win handsomely.

It's a very courageous team manager that will gamble against Juventus, particularly with the ladder in its present tight state.

On the other hand, Wilhelmina may feel that, with fixtures against Slavia,

Lions, Moreland and Croat to follow in the next four weeks, it can afford to take a calculated risk.

Frankly we don't agree that constant changes help a side to produce better soccer. Unless Wilhelmina has material in reserve that can produce the attractive, fast-moving, square-passing, hard-shooting combination that it had in the days of the Luyten-Noy-Keuken-de Bruyckere-Peterson line of a couple of years ago, changes won't help much.

## DRAW LIKELY

As matters stand, we still think that the defensive strengths of these two sides will force a draw.

## Soccer Weekly Team

Here is the Soccer Weekly team chosen from State League sides. Selections are made from the best players as nominated by an independent panel of observers.

Players are chosen on a point system. Our panel may select as many as three players from one match or none at all.

Players are chosen for their consistent form, high standard of play, conduct and team work. In fact, the all-round club player is the man that is worthy of a position in the Soccer Weekly team.

KARPOUSAS  
(Hellos 8 pts)

## FALZON

(George Cross 6 pts)

## BUKKOS

(Juventus 4 pts)

## GRIGGS

(Juventus 5 pts)

## GLENNIE

(Slavia 5 pts)

## VILLERS

(Wilhelmina 8 pts)

## MAGARITES

(Slavia 5 pts)

## VILLERS

(Hakoah 6 pts)

## THOMAS

(Hakoah 4 pts)

## BEERENDONK

(Wilhelmina 6 pts)

## JURECKI

(Polonia 6 pts)

## JURECKI

(Wilhelmina 6 pts)

## OTHER PLAYERS WHO HAVE SCORED POINTS:

Berry, Haasz (Slavia), Burns, Whyman, Richmond (Moreland), Marth, Voight (Lions), Rice, Jankovic, Micic (J.U.S.T.), Acunza, Kenny, Frangioni, Barbazzu (Juventus), McKenna, Gibb, Muscat (George Cross), Gronowski, Szylgalski, Dudson, Vella (Polonia), Kourkoulakis, Papadopoulos (Hellas), Besci, Fekete (Melbourne), Sivári, Ráu, Djukic (Croat), Vlegals, Van Altena, Mathysen, De Bruyckere (Wilhelmina), McQuillan, Mannerling, Adams, Alexander (Hakoah).



LEXI'S TWO BEST FRIENDS